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SUBJECT: ABUSE OF DIPLOMATIC COURIER POUCH FACILITIES

1. POST REQUESTS THE DEPT MAKE A FORMAL INVESTIGATION PERTAINING TO THE CONTENTS AND CLASSIFICATION OF CRATE POUCH C-93 WHICH ARRIVED IN SANTIAGO BY SPECIAL COURIER ON 1/9/78 FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

A. POUCH WEIGHED 582 LBS WHICH CREATED NUMEROUS PROBLEMS IN THE MOVEMENT BETWEEN THE AIRPORT AND INTO THE EMBASSY. DUE TO ITS SIZE IT WAS TOO LARGE TO MOVE INTO THE TCU AREA AND HAD TO BE OPENED IN THE 8TH FLOOR HALLWAY. UPON OPENING OF THE CRATE, IT WAS OBSERVED TO CONTAIN FIVE SMALLER BOXES. THESE BOXES COULD HAVE BEEN INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED AND DISPATCHED AS REGULAR CLASSIFIED POUCHES WHICH WOULD HAVE ELIMINATED DISPATCHING OF A SPECIAL COURIER; PROBLEMS

ENCOUNTERED BY POST PERSONNEL IN MOVEMENT; AND OTHER INCONVIENCES.

B. WE HAVE FURTHER DOUBTS AS TO THE PROPER CLASSIFICATION OF THE BOXES AS TCU PERSONNEL INDICATED THAT THEY WERE PART OF A LARGER SHIPMENT WHICH WAS RECEIVED BY MODIFIED CONTROL POUCH.

2. THIS CLASSIFIED CRATE SHIPMENT NOT ONLY INCONVIENCES THE POST IN MANY WAYS, BUT WE FEEL THAT IT IS A ABUSE TO THE PURPOSES OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DIPLOMATIC COURIER SYSTEM AND THAT APPROPRIATE STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT THIS TYPE OF ABUSE IS NOT REPEATED. PLEASE ADVISE OF ACTION TAKEN.
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